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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR COOPER

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TAGS: OVIP (JOHN SHERMAN COOPER)

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR COOPER'S CONSULTATIONS

REF: BERLIN 5083

1. THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 2 AND POSSIBLY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, WILL BE A PERIOD WHEN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO SECURE APPOINTMENTS BEFORE CONGRESS CLOSES DOWN FOR LINCOLN DAY EVENTS. TO ENSURE BEST USE OF TIME AND MAXIMUM APPOINTMENTS I PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 29. I COULD MEET LATE THAT AFTERNOON, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, FOR A SHORT DISCUSSION WITH YOU AND SUCH OTHERS AS YOU DESIGNE.

2. I THINK IT BETTER THAT I MAKE MY APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS;
(B) HOUSE MINORITY LEADER RHODES;
(C) HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER, IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE;
(D) SENATORS SPARKMAN AND CASE; REPRESENTATIVES MORGAN AND BLOOMFIELD; SENATOR STENNIS AND REPRESENTATIVE MEL PRICE; AND
(E) OTHERS AS MAY BE SUGGESTED.

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3. I WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE INVITATIONS FOR INFORMAL

MEETINGS WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS, AND HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES AND, IF APPROPRIATE, WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES. I WOULD ALSO TRY TO SEE MEMBERS OF BOTH PARTIES WITH WHOM I HAVE HAD ASSOCIATION AND ANY OTHERS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

4. I HAVE READ ALL OF YOUR SPEECHES AND PRESS CONFERENCES, AND COULD DISCUSS ISSUES AS THEY APPEAR FROM EXPERIENCE HERE AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADVISE. I MUST SAY THAT ALL I MAY BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IS TO SECURE A JUDGEMENT AS TO THE MOOD AND POSITIONS OF THE CONGRESS BUT, OF COURSE, THAT IS A MATTER I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY AS I HAVE SUGGESTED ABOVE.

5. WHEN TIME MAY BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY US POLICIES TOWARD THE GDR FOR THE YEAR 1976 WITH YOU AND OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

6. AT SOME TIME DURING MY STAY I PROPOSE TO SECURE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY RUMSFELD, CHIEFLY ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS.

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